

the United States of America. My dad, like many of his generation, like many of the Band of Brothers, fought against the Japanese—people of that generation served. And your dads and granddads did the same, I'm confident.

After we won the war, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, believed that liberty could transform an enemy into an ally. That's what he believed. There was a lot of skepticism about that, a lot of doubt. There was a lot of anger because of the war, and you can understand why. Families' lives have been turned upside down because of death during the war. A lot of people just said, "Well, the enemy can't possibly become a democracy." But our predecessors stayed with it. And as a result of that belief, I sit down at the table today talking about how to keep the peace with Prime Minister Koizumi.

Someday, an American President will be sitting down with a duly-elected leader of Iraq, talking about peace in the Middle East. And our children and our grandchildren will be better off for it.

I believe that millions in the Middle East plead in silence for their liberty. I believe women in the Middle East want to live in a free society. I believe mothers and fathers in the Middle East want to raise their children in a free and peaceful world. I believe all these things because freedom is not America's gift to the world; freedom is the Almighty God's gift to each man and woman in this world.

For all Americans, these years in our history will always stand apart. There are quiet times in the life of a nation when little is expected of its leaders. This isn't one of those times. This is a time that requires firm resolve, clear vision, and a deep faith in the values that makes us a great nation.

None of us will ever forget that week when one era ended and another began. On September the 14th, 2001, I stood in the ruins of the Twin Towers. It is a day I will never forget. I will never forget the voices of those in hardhats yelling at me at the top of their lungs, "Whatever it takes." I will never forget the police or firefighter coming out of the rubble who grabbed me by the arm, and he looked me square in the eye, and he said,

"Do not let me down." Ever since that day—ever since that day, I wake up every morning thinking about how to better protect our country. I will never relent in defending America, whatever it takes.

Four years ago, when I traveled your great State asking for the vote, I made a pledge that if you gave me a chance to serve, I would uphold the honor and the dignity of the office to which I have been elected. With your help, with your hard work, I will do so for 4 more years.

God bless. Thanks for coming. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:20 p.m. at Hershey Park Stadium. In his remarks, he referred to Tom Corbett, candidate for Pennsylvania State Attorney General; Jean Craigie Pepper, candidate for Pennsylvania State Treasurer; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi; Usama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaida terrorist organization; and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

Memorandum on Delegation of Certain Functions Related to the Sudan Peace Act

October 21, 2004

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Delegation of Certain Functions Related to the Sudan Peace Act

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the determination, certification, and reporting functions conferred upon the President by sections 6(b)(1) and 6(c) of the Sudan Peace Act (Public Law 107-245).

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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Memorandum on Designation and Authorization To Perform Functions Under Section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service Act

October 21, 2004

Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Designation and Authorization to Perform Functions Under Section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service Act

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby direct you to perform the functions vested in the President under section 319F-2(c)(6) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d-6b(c)(6).

Any reference in this memorandum to the provision of any Act shall be deemed to include references to any hereafter-enacted provision of law that is the same or substantially the same as such provision.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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Remarks in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

October 22, 2004

The President. Thank you all for coming. It seems like yesterday I was here in Wilkes-Barre. Come to think of it, I was. [Laughter] I figure if I keep coming back, I'll meet everybody in town.

I'm coming back because I want you to know how important your vote is. That's why I'm here. We're close to voting time. I've come back to tell you how important your help is in this election. Find your friends and neighbors. Convince them to go to the polls on November the 2d. Do not overlook discerning Democrats, people like Senator Zell Miller. And remind your friends and neighbors, if they want safer America, a stronger, and a better America, to put me and Dick Cheney back in office.

I regret that Laura is not traveling with us today.

Audience members. Aw-w-w!

The President. Yes, that is generally the reaction—[laughter]—kind of like, “Why didn’t you stay home and let her come?” [Laughter] You know, we were in the same grade at San Jacinto Junior High in Midland, Texas. That would be the seventh grade. And then I became reacquainted with her when she was a public school librarian. [Laughter] And when I asked her to marry me, she said, “Fine, but make me a promise.” I said, “What is it?” “Promise me I’ll never have to give a speech.” [Laughter] I said, “Okay, you got a deal.” Fortunately, she didn’t hold me to that promise. She’s giving a lot of speeches. And when she does, the American people see a warm, compassionate, great First Lady.

I love traveling with my daughters on the campaign trail. There’s nothing better than being with somebody who, well, tells you to keep your tie straight. [Laughter] “Don’t spill your food before you get out there and talk to the people.” [Laughter] You know, I used to tell Barbara and Jenna that one of these days we’ll go on a camping trip together, the great family camping experience. I’m sure they envisioned the Colorado River or somewhere. Well, darling, this is it. This is the great—[laughter]. We’re traveling this country asking for the vote, and I’m glad Barbara is by my side.

I spoke with our great Vice President this morning. His spirits are high. He’s working hard. I admit that Vice President Cheney does not have the waviest hair in the race. [Laughter] I didn’t pick him because of his hairdo. [Laughter] I picked him because of his experience, his sound judgment, and his ability to get the job done for the American people.

I’m pleased to be sharing the platform with Congressman Don Sherwood. He’s doing a great job. And Congressman Jim Greenwood is traveling today. He comes up from the suburbs of Philadelphia. I’m proud to have his support, and I’m proud to call him friend. Thanks for coming, Congressman.

Specter is out there working on behalf of his own campaign, and Santorum is out there working for mine. They’re two fine United